

# Advancing Health Equity Through Assessment and Accountability



For the third straight year, IHA is offering the *Racial Equity in Healthcare Progress Report* (Progress Report) to guide your organization’s journey toward health equity. Measuring progress is vital to your continued efforts to advance equity—for your patients, your employees, your organization and your community.

IHA encourages all members to participate in this year’s Progress Report, whether it’s your first, second or third time. Individually and as a hospital community, we are at a pivotal point in understanding how much we’ve accomplished in just a few years and where we go next.

**It is crucial that as many hospitals as possible complete the assessment this year.**

The more hospitals that participate, the more information we’ll have on how to move forward with our strategy to reduce health disparities across Illinois.

## Equity Through Four Lenses

### **Our People**

Looking at diversity and inclusion in your workforce for better provider-patient communication

### **Our Organization**

Using data and measurement to identify and address health inequities

### **Our Patients**

Understanding the role of disparities in health outcomes

### **Our Community**

Incorporating community engagement as a fundamental pillar in reducing disparities



## About the Progress Report

This quality improvement tool tracks advancement toward health equity within and across hospitals and health systems. While focused on racial health equity, the Progress Report is meaningful for all hospitals regardless of the racial/ethnic make-up of the communities you serve.

The assessment uses a simple 34-question, web-based form. After submitting your responses, in early 2024, IHA will provide an analytic report with results that can be used to identify opportunities for growth, and pinpoint areas of strength and organizational achievements for each participating hospital and health system.

**New for 2023:** Four new questions will help assess additional components of health disparities.



## Why Participate

You'll gain invaluable insights into how your organization is doing on your journey toward health equity. The results will empower you to:

- ▶ Track progress
- ▶ Assess the implementation of key strategies
- ▶ Leverage provider and community assets
- ▶ Identify areas of improvement

The tool explores foundational components of equity efforts, including:

- ▶ Social determinants of health
- ▶ Community partnership
- ▶ Data collection, with a special focus on collecting, storing and maintaining data on race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation and gender identity

By highlighting your organization's accomplishments, the Progress Report will give you a powerful story to share within your organization and the communities you serve.



## Your Participation Is Essential:

Start Your 2023 Progress Report TODAY

**Get Started**

<https://tinyurl.com/2023-progress-report>

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